

Differences in Revenue Projections Suggest Need to Control Spending

- OMB estimates higher revenues than CBO as a result of higher wage income growth through 2005 based on the economic data available at the time of their report.
- The burden of taxation on the economy remains high, so raising taxes is not a prudent option for achieving balance.
- As a result, Congress must control what it can control—government spending.
- Exceeding the budget plan passed by the House is the biggest threat to a return to surpluses in the near term.